

FIELDS HAS BILL TO REVOLVING PLAN OF REGISTRATION

Would Make It Unnecessary for Regular Voters Who Have Not Moved to Visit the Court House so Often.

Saving in money, time and convenience is the argument advanced by County Clerk Fields in favor of a bill he has prepared relating to registration, which will go before the next session of the legislature in January.

Adoption of the card index system and abolition of the books which have been used heretofore is the chief change made by the bill. Another feature is that a voter once registered will not need to register again, provided he does not move out of the precinct or does not fall to vote at two succeeding elections. It is proposed to leave the books open for registration throughout the year, except for 15 days preceding a primary or general election.

These changes would avoid the usual rush for registration in election years, as the great body of voters would remain on the books until they died or moved away. New voters and those who move from one precinct to another could register at any time.

Registration cards in place of the usual books are provided for in the bill as follows: "The official registration card shall be made from stock of quantity that will last indefinitely. Said registration cards shall be three by five inches in size, printed and ruled in substantially the following form: (Here follows the form of card.)

"They shall be punched and fastened in books by a rod so they can be removed only by the county clerk or his deputies. The cards to be sent to the election precincts on election day shall be assorted in exact alphabetical order and then numbered with pencil from one to the end. At the end shall be entered on a separate card a certificate of the county clerk certifying to the numbers registered in that particular precinct.

"Said cards shall be known as the precinct register. The cards to be retained in the county clerk's office shall be sorted in exact alphabetical order for the whole county. Said cards shall be known as the general register."

Simpler for Voters.

The bill, in other words, calls for two sets of cards, exact duplicates, each of which will be signed by the voter when he registers. Under the present system he is called upon to sign a card and two books. The card system was adopted several years ago by County Clerk Fields as an adjunct to the books, although not called for by the present law. Without that, the card system would now be an almost impossible task.

Mr. Fields has had a model precinct registration book prepared, in which the cards are secured by a rod and locked, as proposed to be done by the bill. The first cost of these books will be less than the books, he says, and they will last indefinitely. They will be much handier for election officers and will eliminate many mistakes made by the use of duplicate sets of books.

Would Avoid Errors.

Sometimes, in the rush of registering, the voter makes the wrong precinct book. By the card system he would have two cards before him, with a perforation between. After he has signed each of them and they are properly filled the deputies can tear them apart and distribute them, one to the general register and the other to the proper precinct.

To meet the objection that by failing to require a new general registration every two years the register will be encumbered by names of dead men and those who have moved away, Mr. Fields' bill provides that when a man fails to vote at two succeeding general elections his name shall be dropped. It is furthermore made the duty of the county clerk to remove at once from the list the names of all persons whose death is disclosed by the official mortality records or the records of the probate court.

Mr. Fields estimates a saving of \$1000 in expense at each registration. This will be direct saving, while he counts an additional saving of \$500 to the voters by reason of their not having to visit the courthouse every two years to register. The great majority spend at least car fare, and some have to quit work for half a day or longer.

Favors Inspectors.

Another bill which Mr. Fields will prepare proposes to establish inspectors of election, to be appointed by county courts at their discretion in the large precincts. Their duty will be to recommend judges and clerks of election to the county court, to take charge of election supplies and to direct the officers of election on election day.

This system, Mr. Fields believes, will insure competent judges and clerks, make much time that is ordinarily lost and insure the safety of valuable records and supplies, which sometimes are missing after an election. His figures substantiate financial saving and great gain in efficiency and safety.

FIRM TO GIVE EMPLOYEES INTEREST IN SAVINGS

For the purpose of encouraging thrift among their employees, securing clerks who will not only afford their customers courteous treatment, but will remain permanently with them, one Portland firm yesterday announced that after January 1 it would pay 5 per cent interest on all savings which any employee would deposit in a designated savings institution during the year. The only condition attached to the offer is that the employee shall remain with the company until January 1, 1912. The savings bank offers 4 per cent interest on the same deposit, making 3 per cent in all. It is believed that this scheme will encourage employees to become prompt in arriving at the business house and economy and cheerful performance of their tasks.

Notarial Commissions.

(Sales Bureau of The Journal.)
Sales, Or., Dec. 24.—Notarial commissions have been issued to John G. Mullen, North Bend; D. S. Houser, Roseburg; Ralph H. Lincoln, Medford; Claude E. Hicks, Portland; Edgar E. Lundberg, Portland; Forrest S. Fisher and W. C. Kahle, Portland; Wilson M. Barnett, Wasco; G. A. Stock, Cove; H. G. Campbell, Dallas; and T. M. McClintock, Taft.

ACTRESS WHO APPEARED IN TITLE ROLE OF SALOME IN LONDON



Madame Aino Akete, as Salome, as she recently appeared at Covent Garden, London. There is in many quarters a growing bent to the opinion that the expurgated version of the Strauss opera, which was given recently, was an altogether unnecessary concession, to British "Bowdlerism," and that the blue pencil activity of the censor resulted in an indefensible production.

FIND OPIUM ON STEAMSHIP ASIA

Customs Inspectors Make a \$2880 Haul at Docks of San Francisco.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—United States Customs Inspectors, under direction of Customs Surveyor BLINN, are vigorously prosecuting their search for opium, and its derivatives, which have been detected contraband. Inspectors Joseph Head and John Toland, seized on board the Steamship Asia ninety-seven five-tael tins of opium prepared for smoking. This find is valued at \$2,880.

HIGHERUPS WILL GET CLEAR AWAY

Wickersham's Men Find Sugar Magnates Immune in Drawback Cases.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that the department of justice has come to the conclusion that it cannot convict and secure imprisonment of the sugar trust magnates for violations of the Sherman anti-trust law in the newest frauds discovered, those relating to drawbacks. The government expects to recover much, if not all, of the money it has paid out in drawbacks when no drawbacks were due. Criminally, however, Assistant Attorney General Denison asserts that only the most minor employees of the American Sugar company can be convicted. In this, the most recent of the government's cases against the sugar trust, evidences of criminal intent on the part of the officials thus far gathered by special agents of the department of justice have been so slight that Assistant Attorney General Denison declares indictments do not seem warranted. Civil action will be taken.

CHRISTMAS AUDIENCES ARE GRANTED BY POPE

(Publishers Press Landed Wire.)
Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope's Christmas holiday began yesterday when he gave audiences to the cardinals, the lay and ecclesiastical members of his household and the commanders of papal troops, all of whom were presented with his greetings. Two cumulative audiences constituted the only formal Christmas celebration at the vatican. Today the pope is alone and grants no audiences. Tonight he will celebrate midnight mass in his private chapel, which will be attended by his sisters and a niece. He will dine in their company tomorrow.

WORK BEGINS ON CANAL REDOUTS

Plans Indicate That This Army Post Will Be Most Important of All.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—Work has been commenced in the isthmus zone on the redoubts which are to be part of the fortifications of the Panama canal. The plans indicate that this army post will be the most important under the charge of the war department. A major general will be assigned to the command. Inspectors Joseph Head and John Toland, at the head of the school, Lyon sued Sparks for the recovery of \$227 for keeping two of Sparks' sons three months, and the court ruled in his favor, though Sparks alleged that the food served the boys was impure and unwholesome. The court denied the jury the privilege of considering this defense and in appealing, the Vancouver sion holds the court erred in this particular.

MILITARY BAND LEADER EXPIRES

Louis Conterno Dies at Home of His Sweetheart at Brooklyn, N. Y.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 24.—Louis Conterno, the military bandmaster, died on Thursday at the home of Miss Louise Beckert, Scherhorn street, Brooklyn, who was soon to become his wife. The cause of death was heart disease. According to Miss Beckert she and Professor Conterno were to have been married on January 9 next and arrangements were being made for the wedding. On Thursday, following a concert which Professor Conterno had given at Terrace Garden, he went to call on Miss Beckert. Here he complained of being ill. While Miss Beckert was trying to aid him Professor Conterno fell to the floor unconscious. Miss Beckert summoned a physician but before he arrived the musician died. Professor Conterno had been in this country for 30 years, having come here from Savoy, France. For many years he had been noted as a leader of military bands.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF STEAMER IN PORT

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Valencia, Spain, Dec. 24.—The British steamship Ino has arrived here with the sole survivor of the crew of the French steamer Jeanne Consuet, which went down with 27 sailors on board. The Jeanne Consuet was in collision with the Spanish steamer Industria. The latter was so seriously damaged that she could hardly be kept afloat until she was towed to Cartagena, where she sank in the harbor.

FIREMAN TRIES TO DETAIN STEAMER

Appeals to Federal Authorities Claiming He Was Put Off Without His Pay.

Claiming that he had been badly treated and had been put ashore without any funds and only the few rags on his back, James Nelson, a Jamaican negro employed as a fireman on the Norwegian steamer Solveig, made an attempt yesterday afternoon to have the vessel held by the United States officials.

Nelson appeared before Assistant District Attorney Evans and asked that the federal authorities hold the Solveig until he received what he alleged was due him as wages, but as the authorities had no jurisdiction in a case of the kind he was referred to the Norwegian consul.

The fireman claims that he asked to be paid off here, but that the request was refused, although another negro fireman was paid off several days ago. He alleges that after being brutally beaten by one of the officers he was put ashore and was unable to draw his pay, although he had nothing upon which to live.

Endre M. Cederbergh, Norwegian consul here, said last night that the negro had joined the steamer at San Francisco on December 2 for six months and was not entitled to any pay because he had not remained with the vessel until that time had expired, but after a fight with the engineer, for which both were arrested, had remained ashore. The matter of the fight was settled in police court.

Consul Cederbergh said that in the fire room of the Solveig were five Chinese, two Chileans and the two negroes. A week ago Friday the other negro was taken ill and the captain paid him off. This, he says, led Nelson to believe that he should also be paid off and several days ago Nelson appeared in his office and asked for his pay, saying that he could not understand the others in the fire room. The consul told him to go back to the vessel and remain with her, as he had no reason why he should be paid off.

Although, says Mr. Cederbergh, Nelson is not entitled to any pay, he told the man to come to his office Monday and he would assist him because he is destitute.

No difficulty was found in replacing the two firemen and the Solveig left down for the sea at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon laden with wheat for the United Kingdom.

WANTS JURY TO EAT MEAL AT BOYS' SCHOOL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—A Spokane jury may eat at the Lyons school for boys here to determine the quality of food served there, in the case appealed to the supreme court by State Representative J. M. Sparks, of Vancouver, Wash., in a suit brought against him by James Lyon, at the head of the school. Lyon sued Sparks for the recovery of \$227 for keeping two of Sparks' sons three months, and the court ruled in his favor, though Sparks alleged that the food served the boys was impure and unwholesome. The court denied the jury the privilege of considering this defense and in appealing, the Vancouver sion holds the court erred in this particular.

MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH READY TO BE HANGED

Jesse P. Webb, in Lonely Cell, Writes Attorneys to Abandon Fight to Save His Life; Says Battle Hopeless.



Jesse P. Webb, who wants to be hanged.

While the merry Christmas crowds passed the old county jail yesterday on their way home laden with gifts to make others happy, Jesse P. Webb, under sentence of death, sat in his lonely cell, writing to his attorneys a note earnestly begging them to abandon the legal battle they are making to keep him from going to the gallows.

Webb is ready to die. At no time since the jury found him guilty of murdering W. A. Johnson and cramming the body into a trunk has the doomed man had any hope of escaping death. So rather than remain in jail while his attorneys fight to get a new trial, he has asked them to dismiss their appeal to the supreme court.

The prisoner spent the day before Christmas telling other prisoners how he thought all efforts to save him would be made in vain.

In spite of his request Attorneys Seneca Potts and John McCus will continue to work for a rehearing.

Judge Morrow, who sentenced Webb, granted them until February 1 to prepare their appeal. They are doing so now.

Webb and Mrs. Carrie Kersh were charged jointly with the crime. The woman has been found guilty of manslaughter. Since watching the proceedings at her trial Webb has been more morose than ever. It is believed his mind is slightly affected. The attorneys will also ask for a new trial for Mrs. Kersh.

La Grande Star: Among other improvements being made in the railroad yards is a new track scale which is being installed for the purpose of weighing loaded freight cars. The new scales have a capacity of 100,000 pounds and are beam registering. The weight of a car being weighed is automatically registered. The old scales which are being torn out to make a place for the new ones had a capacity of 50,000 pounds.

JAPANESE WEDS AMERICAN GIRL

After Much Difficulty Couple at Reno Find Minister to Perform Ceremony.

(By the International News Service.)
Reno, Nev., Dec. 24.—R. R. Takawa, a wealthy Japanese laundryman aged 34 years and Miss Lillian A. Frederick, an American girl, formerly of Seattle, were married this afternoon by Rev. Dr. Kelley, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

The couple, who experienced much difficulty in getting a marriage certificate had to employ Judge Mack to force the matter through, had to reemploy the attorney as a revised edition of Cupid to get them hitched.

Justice of the Peace Davis of Reno and Pollock of Sparks, both said "no," emphatically. Davis declared, "while there is nothing in the statutes to prevent my marrying you, there is something tells me I should not perform the rite. It is against the laws of nature. See a preacher?"

Judge Mack then called upon his pastor, who consented. Rev. Mr. Adams, another Protestant minister, was at the Methodist parsonage visiting Dr. Kelley. He was asked to witness the ceremony but he declined and left the place. Mrs. Kelley and daughter witnessed the ceremony. The groom paid the minister ten dollars and departed for Chinatown with his bride. The couple who seem to glory in their marital bonds spent the greater portion of their time in parading the streets.

CHRIS EVANS MAY RECEIVE PARDON

Notorious California Bandit Will Probably Be Given Freedom as Present.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Fresno, Calif., Dec. 24.—After spending eighteen years in Folsom on a life sentence for train robbery, it is probable that Chris Evans, one of the leaders of the famous highway band known as Sontag and Evans, which terrorized the San Joaquin valley in the nineties, will be paroled. Word was received at Fresno to the effect that a meeting of the state prison board would in all probability be held before the first of the year, at which time a new year present in the shape of a parole may be granted Evans.

Judge M. K. Harris, of this city, who, as superior judge of the county sentenced Evans to life imprisonment, has expressed a willingness to see him free. Evans is now almost helpless. One of his eyes was shot out when he was captured and an arm shattered. His limbs are now affected by rheumatism. A married daughter has been working for his release for years.

Street railway employees at Calgary, Canada, have received permission by the city commissioners to form a union or join one if they so desire.

STALLO DUSTED AS ADMINISTRATOR OF M'DONALD ESTATE

Son-in-Law of Late Oil Magnate Removed From Charge of Fortune Bequeathed His Two Daughters.

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Dec. 24.—Edmond K. Stallo, son-in-law of Alexander McDonald, oil magnate and railroad builder, was today removed as administrator of the McDonald estate.

Surrogate Cochran, acting upon the application of William J. Griffin, attorney for the surety companies, revoked the letters of administration, granted Stallo on the goods, chattels and credits of Alexander McDonald.

The surety companies who were on Stallo's two bonds for \$425,000 each as guardian of the estate of his two daughters, Laura and Helen, have also asked for relief from liability. Their plea for change, together with that of the sponsors for Stallo's bond as administrator of the McDonald estate followed soon after he filed an inventory.

Partnership Records Kept Busy.

The inventory showed that there was a surplus of about \$1,737,722 in the McDonald estate, but that the partnership of McDonald and Stallo had a deficit. The administrator explained in his inventory that the partnership bookkeeping was never kept strictly or accurately and that for this reason he was not able to tell exactly how the debts and credits of the partnership stood.

Alexander McDonald died last March, leaving his entire estate to Laura and Helen E. Stallo, his granddaughters. The estate was estimated to be worth about \$25,000,000, but Mr. Stallo said this estimate was "grossly over-estimated," and that his father-in-law never really knew how much his fortune was.

The ousted administrator has been granted 30 days to file an accounting.


A WHITE CHRISTMAS, SAYS WEATHER MAN

(United Press Landed Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—After hours of extra special work the weather bureau tonight succeeded in evolving a "white Christmas" for the United States. "Plenty of snow throughout the country" was the word that Forecaster Bowie sent out after his force finished its arduous labors.


"There will be plenty of snow of the heavy, soft, blanket variety to add to the Christmas cheer," he said. "In a few local cases it may turn to rain tomorrow night."

Conditions will become colder during the day but the chill will not continue for any great length of time. Any way, the weather bureau hopes for enough snow for Santa to sleigh back to his north pole palace tomorrow.

Mines in Saxony that have yielded silver worth more than \$43,000,000 since they were opened more than 700 years ago are to be closed because of the continued low price of the metal.



The Meier & Frank Store Wishes You a Merry, Joyous Christmas



TO the thousands of loyal friends and patrons of this great store, to the twenty-two hundred and fifty earnest workers who helped us bring to a successful close the largest holiday business in our history, we bear wishes for a Merry, Joyous Christmas and compliments of the season.

The Store Will Remain Closed All Day Monday

For the five days, commencing Tuesday, we have planned a series of Bargain Events which will command the attention of everyone, and which no one should miss.

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